

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL JULY 20, 2004

Sheriff Jon Marvel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Sheriff Jon Marvel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kylissa Miller, Chief Deputy Auditor, took roll call. All members were present.

Mr. Jim Bramble, Auditor, gave the reading of the call.

Mr. Decker entertained approval of the June 15, 2004 meeting. Mr. Roman moves to approve the minutes. Mr. Scott duly seconds the motion. Mr. Roman commented that these set of minutes are the best he has seen in years, Mr. Decker agreed with him and thanked him for the comment.

Mr. Decker called for comments from the Council. There were no comments from the Council.

Mr. Decker called for comments from the public. Mr. Mike Collins, taxpayer of Vigo County, expressed his disappointment in some of the things that are being proposed to do with the county EDIT and CAGIT taxes. It seems to him that we do not have a really good solid plan in mind that is any more beneficial than him spending his own money. He is requesting that the Council rescind both of those taxes. He is hoping that someone on the Council will make that motion and some brave soul second the motion. He does not expect that to happen but he wants the Council to know how unhappy he is with some of the things the Council is proposing to do with our taxes. He would like to have that money back.

Mr. John Robling, Vigo County taxpayer would like to thank Mr. Mike Collins on his comments. Mr. Robling is totally opposed to the EDIT tax and how the money is being handled. He could not remember the exact date but there was a public forum at Woodrow Wilson School and approximately 250 people attended, everyone had about 3 minutes to speak. It seemed there was total opposition, to the EDIT tax, excluding the elected officials. He would like to propose that the Council consider and do away with the county EDIT tax because he foresees that we are opening the checkbook for miscellaneous spending that is unnecessary. He thanked the Council for letting him speak.

Mr. Decker added that there is an EDIT tax plan and that the EDIT tax money is being accounted for, it is not just being spent here and there.

John Veltry, retiree and Vigo County taxpayer is not here to complain but to almost commend the Council for the foresight in passing the CAGIT tax. What the Council failed to tell the public was that for every dollar he saved in property tax he spent \$4. He commented that is not a very good deal; he thinks we need to look for new brokers if that

is what we are doing with our money. Another comment, he was at the meeting at Woodrow Wilson and he heard all the Council members, and Commissioners all talking in favor of these taxes, now you read in the paper where various people are saying they were not in favor of the tax but it was passed anyway. He would like officials to stand by their convictions and have the courage and the fortitude to stand with their thinking. If we do not have that then get out of the offices.

Mr. Decker commented that he supported these taxes then and he supports it now and he will not change his mind.

Mr. Blade commented that the vote in favor of those taxes was 6-1.

Mr. Jon Marvel reported that the governor has appointed him to the methamphetamine abuse task force. The governor looked at the statistics regarding methamphetamine and the location of that. Mr. Marvel passed out to the Council a map of Indiana and as can be seen Vigo County led the state last year for laboratory seizures and this year we are neck and neck with Vanderburg County. The reason he is saying all of this is that he is here tonight to ask for more money to operate this jail. He stated that 95% of the money he is asking for is because of the methamphetamine problem that this county is facing today. Meth is highly addictive. They are finding that people making this drug are only producing it 1 ounce at a time, it is being produced for the makers use.

Mr. Scott commented to the taxpayers' previous comments. In March when the Council voted for the CAGIT & EDIT taxes we (Council) promised the taxpayers they would invest in the community and that it would not go into the General Fund. He along with other friends introduced some non-reverting funds to the Commissioners, one being the textbook the other being public works. The reason for that is he promised it would not go into the General Fund, he wanted to invest in the community. Public Works, Public Safety and Education are something he firmly believes every community should invest in. The EDIT tax has to have a plan, it is approved by the state and also by taxpayers in an EDIT committee that work closely with the Commissioners and the Council on what should be done to the community to make it prosper. CAGIT does not have to have a plan, it just gets absorbed into the General Fund unless someone on the Council or the Commissioners put it into a non-reverting fund or put it in areas where we can invest in our community. He put in for textbooks, some people thought it was a good idea others did not. He believes whether the state pays for it or the county pays for it that it comes out of the same pocket. All budgets are strapped, Federal, State, County and School Corporation. A lot of people will say they do not have kids, others say they do not use 13th street, some say they do not use the library others say they do not use police and fire. "Is it illegal?" "Yes" if the Council voted on it and gave the school corporation the money. "Is it legal?" "Yes" if entered in an interlocal agreement. Unfortunately it will not be put up for vote tonight, the Commissioners pulled it. He believes if anything, he has created awareness to the issue that textbooks need to be looked at. He wants the public to know that if the textbooks are not going to be looked at then he thinks that Public Works and Public Safety needs to be looked at. If anything else if not textbooks

then let us not put it in General Fund. General Fund equals checkbook; which equals spent.

Mr. Veltry commented that Mr. Scott's analogy is poor to say that driving 13th street or using the library because everybody has the option to do that but not everybody has the option of benefiting from schoolbook funds. Those who do not have children or older children do not have that option.

Mr. Decker commented that the CAGIT tax does have to have a plan the first third and the second third is mandatory by law for property tax reduction.

Mr. Scott agreed that Mr. Decker was correct. He firmly believes that those who voted for the tax in March 2003 promised the taxpayers that it would not be put into the General Fund where it could be spent. We said we would invest these taxes in our community in areas to make it grow and prosper.

Mr. Collins, Vigo county taxpayer commented that he would rather invest his money himself. If we have money just bouncing around then it should be given back to the taxpayers, it is the taxpayers money not the Council's money.

Mr. Scott told Mr. Collins he was right. He stated that the investments he is trying to make are not funded in the General Fund already. If they are not funded then we need to fund areas not being funded currently so we can grow our community. Some of these areas have never been, as far as budgeting, into the General Fund. Mr. Collins commented that it is not going to grow by taxing the citizens to death.

Mr. Norm Loudermilk, City Councilman stated that he is the one who started all of this textbook situation. The whole idea was to try to find something to do with that money. He wants to take the money back but Mr. Loudermilk has 4-5 firehouses that need roofs, he has one ladder truck where we used to have three. We are renting a police station instead of having an owned building. We have over \$700,000 worth of equipment that the city needs to get rid of the leaves off the streets and to try to clean up the streets and patch the roads. There is a list that goes on forever of 40 years of not purchasing equipment in a rotation basis of not seeing the future of where we need to be. The Terre Haute Fire Department has not purchased a piece of equipment in the last 6 years from tax dollars; it has all been from the user fees from the ambulance. The taxpayers have not given, except for the general operating budget, a lot to the fire department. The EDIT plan is not going to be used for new fire or police equipment or buying a police building. They only way to do that is through this CAGIT. If we had not passed the CAGIT we would have had to find other ways to raise that money maybe through property taxes, or bond issue. He does not know much about county government. Because there is no plan required by the state for the spending of CAGIT taxes we thought of a plan. That plan was to put it into 2 big non-reverting funds; one dedicated for public safety the other public works projects. No one is in favor of new taxes, he was not in favor when it came out, it's there and instead of it being squandered he thought it was best to delineate where the money was to go so everyone would know up front right where the money was to go.

He said textbooks because we (Indiana) are one of only 9 states that do not provide textbooks for the kids. Whether it comes from the income tax that goes to the state or the income tax that goes to the county this is one way to rebate money back to the people. Not everybody would be able to have this money, not everybody has kids. He has family members who rent their homes so they do not get the property tax credit that EDIT or CAGIT provides, so there is unfairness in that. Not everybody will be treated fair; we are trying to help as many people as possible. It was an idea it did not work, some people got scared, they listened to an attorney who has an opinion and didn't get to the folks what the issue is, it is absolutely legal. We are not giving money to the school cooperation we are giving it back to the consumer back to the taxpayer and all we are using the school corporation for is a median to do that. He wants people to know that they are not trying to find stuff to do with this money; we are trying to find good things to do with it. If this money is not delineated in special accounts then he would urge the County Council to, at the earliest possible date, rescind the CAGIT tax and give the money back to the taxpayers because if we do not have the foresight to put this in areas that we need best then we don't need the money at all.

Mr. Decker commented that if we do that then we would need to cut the property taxes along with it.

Mr. Bill Bryan addressed Mr. Loudermilk in saying that what Mr. Loudermilk presented to the Commissioners made them wake up and realize that we have to have a plan for CAGIT. Whether they agree 100% with what Mr. Loudermilk did he made them aware of what their obligations are. What Mr. Bryan has now is Chapter 37 Vigo County Ordinance, an ordinance to establish a public works project non-reverting fund. Mr. Bryan asked Mr. Decker if he wanted him to read the ordinance. Mr. Decker replied that most have already read it. Mr. Bryan presented Chapter 38 Vigo County Ordinance to establish a special non-reverting fund for major capital outlays for public safety. Mr. Decker asked if anyone present had not read this ordinance or has any questions. There were no questions. Mr. Bryan said the plan includes 40% for Public Safety, 30% for Public Works, 20% for General Fund and 10% for a Rainy Day Fund. This is what the Commissioners are presenting to the Council for approval. He stated that Mr. Scott recommended that we establish a board comprised of a couple of volunteer fire chiefs and 1 or 2 deputies. Before any monies are spent it would be presented to this board for approval. Mr. Bryan stated that instead of the Commissioners spending General Fund money, which we would never get it done, we would have to keep raising property taxes for these projects. One of these projects is a state mandate on clean water that we are going to have to have salt storage buildings within the next year; this will be roughly \$300,000.00 for two salt storage buildings. Also the Commissioners are presenting a request to raise mileage for county employees who use their own vehicles for county business. The Federal guidelines is thirty-eight cents, the county is currently paying twenty-eight cents. The Commissioners are asking the Council to approve an increase to thirty-four cents per mile. With the price of gas county employees can hardly afford to drive their own vehicles and we sure do not want to have to purchase more vehicles. Mr. Decker entertained a motion to adjust the county mileage rate effective August 1, 2004. Ms. Miller moves to increase the mileage rate. Mr. Scott duly seconds the motion. Mr.

Anderson asked where the county would get the money for this increase. He asked the auditor to verify that we are already short on our budget for this year. Mr. Bramble, Auditor stated that we are \$500,000.00 over budget right now. Mr. Anderson stated that there are requests for nearly 1 million dollars. He agrees that the mileage should be raised but he questions just where the money will come from. Mr. Roman agrees with Mr. Anderson. Mr. Scott pulls his second on the motion until budget time. Mr. Anderson agrees that is his recommendation also.

Carl Gregory, Nevins Township Trustee. When he sent out his tax forms this spring for dog tax and the times of the meetings at the firehouse, on the bottom of the same sheet he wrote that the township trustee and the township board would welcome taxpayers comments about the township in general. As a result of the comments the highway department took a serious beating. The wheel tax is not getting it. If you want a solution for safety he is suggesting dividing the money among the smaller townships. It could be used on highway improvements. Nevins has culverts that are one-lane culverts, concrete abutments that stand 3-4 foot high that people hit on a regular basis, and it is a severe safety issue. They have grass growing up at the edges of the asphalt because they do not have money to make repairs. Mr. Gregory brought samples of red shale. This is being plowed up on some of the gravel roads and is a base material, which was put down between 80-100 years ago. If we need to put that money someplace let us put it there. Give additional funds to the sheriff's department to slow down the speed, there are crosses popping up in Nevins township that we really do not need. If we need additional safety and addition police protection let us work out a way to do that. He is asking that the money be used for safety use.

Mr. Louis Britton representing a petitioner, Fuel Cell Energy. The project is a technology, which takes the gas generated from coal gasification, and converts it into a gas, which can be put into a fuel cell. These fuel cells convert gas into electric energy. He is told it is a very clean process compared to burning fossil fuel in normal generators. It is kind of the energy project of the future. What Fuel Cell Energy is proposing to do is that it is an experimental use of the coal gas created in this facility. It is his understanding that the coal gas has not proven to be a commercially viable product. It is hoped that this project will prove to be commercially viable use for that gas. It is hoped so much so that the department of energy has already invested approximately 15 million dollars in this project to experiment with this coal gasification. These folks have alliances with Caterpillar, Chevron and others to market this technology for the fuel cell generally. They currently make fuel cells using regular natural gas; they sell them all over the world. The basic fuel cell concept is not something exotic, it is out there and it works. They have three different size cells that can be used depending on need. The marrying of that fuel cell technology with the gasification is kind of the secrets for this project. They are proposing to invest 12.6 million dollars in equipment, create 5 full time jobs with a payroll of about \$290,000 a year. They will have 10 construction jobs to get the plant built with an additional construction cost of about 2.5 million dollars. He is before the Council, representing Fuel Cell Energy, asking for preliminary approval for a tax abatement for that project. They have not yet met with the committee but due to the timing restrictions with budgets coming up they needed to get on the Council agenda to

get the ball rolling. They are hoping by the next time the Council meets and can consider this they will be able to meet with the committee and they can give you a full recommendation because as you know you have to meet again and vote on this again. If the committee makes an unfavorable recommendation the game is not over you can come back and make a change. Mr. Decker stated that this was brought to his attention and he did suggest that it get on the July agenda because he wanted everyone else to get familiar with this before we went ahead and moved further. By the time we meet again for a regular session the tax abatement committee will have met. Mr. Roman questioned which committee they were referring to. Mr. Decker replied that it was the tax abatement, which was being referred to. Mr. Roman questioned Mr. Britton what duration of time is meant by "experimental". The money being invested more than makes up for an abatement. Mr. Britton replied that they are hoping this will not be experimental for long that it will turn into a marketable product. Mr. Roman moves to give Mr. Britton the approval to go into this with more and to come back to the next Council for a vote. Mr. Scott seconds the motion.

Mr. Decker stated that we have a motion regarding Commissary Fund expenditures from our Sheriff. Everyone has a copy. It is a requirement from State Board of Accounts that the Commissary Fund is a Sheriff's discretionary fund; he has it lined out what he plans to do with it. Mr. Curley moves to approve the motion. Mr. Blade seconds the motion.

Consideration of the call began with a request for a transfer of funds in the Reassessment Fund. The County Assessor requesting the transfer of \$42,000 from 421-00 Office Supplies to 433-30 Contractual Services to finish our 2004 commercial construction and our 2002 appeals. Mr. Roman moves to approve the motion. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. Mr. Anderson asked what the budget money amount was in the reassessment fund. Mr. Decker replied \$471,000 plus investments.

Surveyor has a transfer request in the County General Fund and an additional appropriation request in the Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund. Mike Sheehan, county surveyor, is requesting a transfer of \$550 from 435-50 Repair Equipment to 421-00 Office Supplies. Also requesting a transfer of \$200 from 437-60 Official Meetings to 421-00 Office Supplies. A transfer of \$400 from 439-20 Service Contracts to 422-10 Maintenance Supplies for Vehicle Repairs. Mr. Sheehan also requesting an additional appropriation in Cornerstone Perpetuation Fund of \$15,000 to 424-80 Stakes & Other Field Equipment. This is to finance survey monument covers in county roads so that the roads will not get dug every time a private surveyor needs to use the survey markers. It is very valuable to the county, it should make the roads last longer and be less deterioration. Mr. Anderson asked for the balance in the account. As of June 30, 2004 there was \$124,117.13. Mr. Anderson stated that this money comes from the recording of deeds so the money is always in there and they have done a good job in getting out there and getting these things done. It is very important to have these cornerstones. Mr. Anderson moves to approve the motion. Mr. Curley seconds the motion.

Louise Anderson, a representative of the Health Department requesting an additional appropriation of \$3,000 for 431-10 Mosquito Control Grant to be put into the Donation

Fund to be used for vector control, purchasing pesticides or whatever we might need for identifying and/or spraying mosquito to prevent West Nile or any other mosquito borne illness. Mr. Curley moves to approve the motion. Mr. Blade seconds the motion. The second request is for the Council to allow the Health department to get another grant sponsored by the CDC through the State Department of Health. It is to hire a public health coordinator for Emergency Preparedness. Rather than put this through the Donation account they would like to have a new fund established. The first page of the request for the Bio-Terrorism coordinator just gives the amount that the state is allowing for half the year and the second page is what line items we would like it in and in what amounts. This is a 100% reimbursable grant. Mr. Decker asked the Auditor if there was any problem with this request. Mr. Bramble, Auditor replied there was no problem. Mr. Anderson asked if this grant was already approved. Ms. Anderson replied that the grant would start coming August 1st. Mr. Anderson asked if Ms. Anderson had anyone in mind for the position. Ms. Anderson replied that they have 3 resumes right now but the position will be posted. Mr. Curley questioned if that included Social Security and PERF. Ms. Anderson replied this is a contract position and that person would be paying all their own social security and taxes we would not be paying any benefits. Mr. Curley moves to approve the motion. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. Mr. Anderson stated that he hopes and wants to make everyone aware that if the grants go away that the General Fund will not pick up this position. Ms. Anderson replied that is part of the reason we made this a contract position. Persons applying for this position will be made aware this is a contract position if the grant is gone the position is gone.

Jeanie Stanbaugh, Convention and Tourism requesting a transfer of \$40,000 from Certificate of Deposit to 430-35 Account Advertising and Marketing Promotion. Mr. Anderson moves to approve the motion. Mr. Blade seconds the motion.

Additional appropriation from EDIT tax fund:

Pat Martin stated that the Vigo County long-range Transportation plan was adopted 4 years ago. We are coming up on a cycle, we have a 5 year cycle with Federal Highway Administration and we are required to do an update to that plan. We recently have been designated as a non-attainment area for ozone and also use assessment. We have to address the ozone matter. The long-range transportation plan itself will involve an update of the travel demand forecast model, it will also include an update on all the travel data which we have the traffic volume data. It will also take into account the project we already have underway in the transportation plan. Mr. Martin distributed to the Council information sheets identifying all the major projects and a report as to the progress of these projects. The second sheet is the economic impact of state road 641 bypass, Canal road corridor, and 13th street corridor. The methodology comes straight from the US Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration. These projects are economic development projects they will generate new income into the area. The federal tax dollars we are bringing in are tax dollars on user fees. The estimated cost of \$40,000 would be 20% local matching funds for the transportation plan update. We estimate roughly the plan will cost \$200,000, of which \$160,000 will be paid for out of Federal Highway Administration Planning Fund. We have a planning fund on hand already. Pending Council approval we will begin to prepare a consultant request for proposal. We

hope to have a consultant negotiated and on line in September. Advisory Committee meeting will begin immediately. They hope to have a plan update no later than March 2005. The mandate we are facing, thanks to the USCPA we have to have our transportation plan fully approved by the Federal Highway Administration by May 2005, we also have to have an air conformity analysis on our transportation plan by June 2005. Mr. Decker stated that the EDIT Tax Committee has discussed this. Mr. Curley moved to approve the motion. Mr. Roman seconds the motion.

Mr. Rod Crider, Area Economic Development requesting the \$125,000 as budget EDIT tax last year but never used. He presented the Council with a detailed strategic plan. The monies are to be directed towards 3 basic areas. Retaining businesses that we have, attracting new investment to this community and building our relationship with others in the development community. Mr. Curley moves to approve the motion. Ms. Miller seconds the motion.

Mr. Jon Marvel requesting additional appropriation for personnel. The current part-time employee he has working now 4 days a week has announced that she will be leaving. A survey of the volume of work that this person performs has been done. One employee does nothing but sheriff sales. There were 360 sheriff sales last year. This procedure is quite time consuming. The amount of telephone calls coming into that office from 8a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, in a sample session, was 1008 calls that amounts to 25.5 calls per hour that one person is responsible for. We have not had an increase in the administrative staff since 1986 and the volume of work has grown tremendously. Our process server along with the deputy sheriff will serve probably 21,000 pieces of process to the county. All that goes through a woman who sits there in the front, she must log all of this. He is asking for an additional person for the front office, the position to start at 6-1, entry level clerk. Mr. Decker stated that what Sheriff Marvel is wanting is not an additional person but a part-time position to go to a full-time position. Mr. Decker stated that this has already gone through the personnel committee and has received a favorable recommendation. Mr. Blade moves to approve the motion. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. Mr. Anderson asked for the amount that we are paying the part-time person right now. He stated that the person who is part-time is getting no benefits right now. He also asked if Mr. Marvel thought that the sheriff's sales would continue to go up. Mr. Decker feels that is going to be a sign of the times here in Vigo County as the properties are being repossessed and taken back there will be more and more sheriff sales. Mr. Marvel hopes that the legislature will take a look at that. The sheriff department receives \$3 for each sale, there is no way that can cover the cost of even just typing those things let alone a deputy or clerk handling those things everyday. He hopes the state takes a look at it soon. Mr. Decker called for a roll call vote. Mr. Marvel asking for additional appropriations of \$35,000 to 421-70 Pharmacy Supplies. Currently we have \$6,050 left in that budget. Because the Council will not be in session for a month and then the budget hearings, we will run out of money and the requested amount is the anticipated cost based on a month-to-month basis of what has been spent so far. If the money is not spent by the end of the year it will come back. Mr. Marvel also requesting additional appropriations of \$100,000 to 437-70 Physician Fees. The jail pays all of the doctors, hospitals, labs, fire department, and Ambucare. There are 4 pages of fees. Mr. Marvel

also requesting an additional \$150,000 to 437-80 Hospital Fees. Mr. Marvel states he is working everyday to keep these costs down, Dr. Stephens and his nurse practitioner have negotiated fees and discounts with Terre Haute Med Lab and with the hospitals. It is because of this methamphetamine, the people we have in jail that are addicted to this stuff, it destroys the body and the taxpayers are paying for it. Requesting additional appropriations of \$9,000 to 435-45 Building and Structures, we only have \$16.17 left in that line item. Mr. Anderson asked about the fees to physicians. The problem with appropriating everything now is not knowing what will come back to the General Fund. Mr. Anderson wonders if we need to cut these back now and then appropriate again in October or November. He understands that the sheriff has a lot of money going out but he is always concerned when we appropriate all the money out and then it goes back to the General Fund. Mr. Marvel stated that we have about \$20,000 in bills not paid in fees for physicians. All these things are always 2 or 3 months behind before we get the bills. Mr. Decker stated that he knows Mr. Marvel is doing his best at working to control costs. Mr. Anderson agreed. Mr. Anderson moves to approve the motion. Mr. Blade seconds the motion.

Mr. Dave Reeves, Building Inspection requesting additional appropriations of \$10,000 to 433-15 Code Enforcement for clean up of pallet place on Fagin Road and also for the yards of these properties going up on sheriff sale. People and banks are advised these properties need cleaned up or we will do it. It is added to the tax bill. The out of town banks buy these back because they have an interest in them but then do not maintain them. He has only \$3,300 remaining of his \$45,000 budget and he has bids out to clean up property that will take all of that. Mr. Curley moves to approve the motion. Mr. Scott seconds the motion.

Mr. Bill Bryan, Commissioner, requesting addition appropriation of \$100,000 to 433-70 Electricity. We had \$250,000 at the start of the 2004 budget, now we have \$60,000 left. The request is due to rising costs. The Commissioners are requesting additional appropriations of \$25,000 to 433-80 Gas, Water and Fuel Oil. We budgeted \$100,000 for the year; we are down to \$22,000. The Commissioners are also requesting an additional appropriation of \$400,000 to 432-10 Care of Patients & Inmates; there is currently only \$29,632 remaining. That totals \$525,000 in additional appropriation requests. Mr. Anderson asked for a clarification of the care of patients and inmates. Mr. Bryan replied that is for residents that we have at health care facilities out of this area. That is for residents who get moved out of Vigo County. Mr. Anderson asked what would happen if we did not pay this. Mr. Bramble, Auditor stated that the state would withhold that amount from the EDIT tax distribution. Mr. Blade moves to approve the motion. Mr. Roman seconds the motion.

Mr. Bryan, Commissioner requesting additional appropriation of \$530,621 to 431-10 Solid Waste for landfill. Ms. Miller moves to approve the motion. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. Mr. Curley asked what was the reason for the appropriation. Mr. Bryan asked Mr. Bramble to explain. That was the amount cut by the department of local government finance because the appropriation passed last September were \$530,621 over

the levy. Mr. Curley replied this is really not a landfill issue this is what the state cut so the county is making up for it.

Mr. Decker stated that from the Commissioners' budget we have Social Security 415-21, PERF 415-22 and group insurance 415-23 for the new sheriff individual. Mr. Blade moves to approve the motion. Mr. Anderson seconds the motion.

Mr. Decker entertains a motion to approve two new ordinances #37 and #38. Mr. Blade moves to approve the motion. Mr. Scott seconds the motion.

Mr. Blade thanked Mr. Anderson for his work on the County Fair, another great fair this year.

Mr. Anderson stated that the budget committee has a lot of work to do this year. We just spent 1.3 million dollars tonight; out of money we were already short \$500,000. This is coming out of the operating balance and we have to really watch this budget session this next time. We are spending more than we are bringing in. He would like to see a Rainy Day Fund out of the CAGIT money where it could be used so we would not have to raise taxes on property. Mr. Decker replied he thought we did. Mr. Anderson said we did put 10% but that is nothing. Mr. Scott replied that it was discussed the percentages could be changed by the committee.

Mr. Bryan stated that he talked with the economic person from Delaware county. She liked our EDIT and CAGIT plans. Mr. Anderson stated that he likes the EDIT tax plan but does not care for the way CAGIT money is being spent. Mr. Bryan stated wait and see what we come up with and that Mr. Scott and Mr. Loudermilk opened their eyes as to what the committee need to do. He thinks the committee will come up with a good plan.

Mr. Decker made an introduction of our new Vigo County Taxpayer Association director, Mr. Bernard Ridens. We appreciate the work that we know he will do.

Mr. John Robling stated that in his comments he made a general statement concerning the voting on the EDIT tax. He asked the Council how many local, non-elected, just general taxpaying citizens are on this EDIT committee. Mr. Decker replied that more than half. Mr. Robling questioned who chose those persons to be on the committee. Mr. Decker could not remember how they were chosen. Mr. Roman stated that comments from the public and comments for the Council are not set on a debate plan so we will hear comments and give comments but they are not for debate. Mr. Decker will get Mr. Robling a list of the persons on the EDIT tax committee.

Mr. Scott said when he was president of the Council last year with the EDIT committee discussing with the Commissioners to have a committee made up of people within the community. At that time we contacted Economic Development, Taxpayers Association, the Chamber of Commerce and got their input as community people involved to give us recommendations they are individuals who are accountants, that type of people in the

community. They picked who they wanted on the board to represent the agencies that are in Economic Development and the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Decker thanked the public for their participation

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

MOTIONS

Minutes of the June 15, 2004 Meeting—Mr. Roman moves to approve the minutes. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Resolution 2004-5 - Mr. Roman moves to preliminarily approve the personal property Tax Abatement for FuelCell Energy, Inc. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Reassessment Fund—Mr. Roman moves to approve \$42,000 from 421-00 Office Supplies to 433-30 Contractual Services. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Surveyor—Mr. Anderson moves to approve \$550 from 435-50 Repair Equipment and \$200 from 437-60 Official Meetings to 421-00 Office Supplies also \$400 from 439-20 Service Contracts to 422-10 Maintenance Supplies for Vehicle Repairs. Mr. Roman seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Health Donation Fund—Mr. Curley moves to approve \$3,000 to 431-10 Mosquito Control Grant. Mr. Blade seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Health Department Contractual Services—Mr. Curley moves to approve \$20,835 to 437-85 Contractual Services, \$1,000 to 415-27 Registration & Conference Fees, \$400 to 421-00 Office Supplies, \$450 to 421-10 Other Supplies, \$1,750 to 436-20 Rent, \$1,000 to 437-20 Travel Expenses, \$750 to 437-40 Mileage, \$525 to 439-20 Service Agreement, and \$1,200 to 444-80 Furniture. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Convention and Tourism—Mr. Anderson moves to approve \$40,000 to 430-35 Advertising, Marketing and Promotions. Mr. Blade seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Edit Tax Fund—Mr. Blade moves to approve \$40,000 to 433-10 Transportation Plan. Mr. Roman seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes. Mr. Curley moves to approve \$125,000 to 433-20 Terre Haute Area Economic Development. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Sheriff's Office—Mr. Blade moves to approve \$20,918 to 411-43 Clerk. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All members voting aye with a roll call vote, the motion passes. Mr.

Anderson moves to approve \$35,000 to 421-70 Pharmacy supplies, \$9,000 to 435-45 Building and Structures, \$100,000 to 437-70 Physician Fees, \$150,000 to 437-80 Hospital Fees. Mr. Blade seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Building Inspection—Mr. Curley moves to approve \$10,000 to 433-15. Mr. Scott seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Commissioners—Mr. Blade moves to approve \$1,605 to 415-21 Social Security, \$1,417 to 415-22 PERF, and \$12,097 to 415-23 Group Insurance. Mr. Anderson seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes. Ms. Miller moves to approve \$530,621 to 431-10 Solid Waste. Mr. Curley seconds the motion. All Members voting aye except Mr. Roman and Mr. Anderson, the motion passes. Mr. Blade moves to approve \$400,000 to 432-10 Care of Patients & Inmates, \$100,000 to 433-70 Electricity, \$25,000 to 433-80 Gas, Water, and Fuel Oil. Mr. Roman seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Adjourn—Mr. Roman moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Ms. Miller seconds the motion. All members voting aye, the motion passes.

Presented to the Vigo County Council, read in full and adopted as written this 12th day of October 2004.

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_____	Brad Anderson	_____
_____	Cedric Blade	_____
_____	Tim P. Curley	_____
_____	Effie N. Miller	_____
_____	Turk Roman	_____
_____	Darrick C. Scott	_____

David W. Decker, President

Attest:

James W. Bramble
Auditor